## **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the title, insert as a first paragraph the following:

—This application is a U.S. national stage filing of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/05636, filed on August 4, 1999, which claims the benefit of priority to German Patent Application No. 198 36 697.3, filed on August 13, 1998.—